

USPTO Customer No. 25280
Serial No: 10/764,234

Inventor(s): Batlaw et al
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REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-18, 20-26, 28-32, and 35-55 are pending. Of those pending claims, claims 9-12, 15, 23-24, 28-29, 31, 38, 40, 43-44, 47-48, and 50-55 have been withdrawn. Claims 3, 19, 27, 33, and 34 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

It is requested that the examiner fully consider the remarks submitted with the Amendment of December 12, 2005. Also, the Examiner's attention is directed to the facts set forth in the Declaration of Inventor Bernard Vermeersch submitted on December 12, 2005.

The applicant has submitted the following two information disclosure statements since the first Office Action was received: (a) February 10, 2006; and (b) March 3, 2006. It is requested that both of these IDS statements be considered for all purposes, and that a notation be provided indicating the Examiner has reviewed and fully considered each reference in each of such IDS's.

It is believed that the above claims define over the prior art record and that the application is in complete condition for allowance. Should any issues remain after consideration of this Amendment, however, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his convenience.

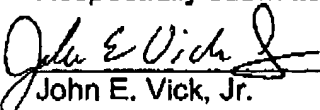
Fee Authorization: In the event that there are additional fees associated with the submission of these papers, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to withdraw those fees from our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

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Extension of Time: In the event that additional time is required to have the papers submitted herewith for the above referenced application to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for any additional time required to make these papers timely and authorization is hereby granted to withdraw any additional fees necessary for this additional time from our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

Respectfully submitted,


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